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COLLEGE BEGINS

223RD SESSION OPENS AUSPICIOUSLY

President Tyler Addresses Students—Changes Made in Faculty—Quartet Renders Selection.

The two hundred and twenty-third session of William and Mary was formally opened in the chapel, Sept. 25th, after the registration office had been visited by no less than 87 new students, in addition to a large upper-class enrollment. A student body, which forced the capacity of the college auditorium, was given a hearty welcome by President Tyler, in a short address. On this occasion the new members of the faculty were given an introduction.

In welcoming the class of 1920, Dr. Tyler did not hesitate to emphasize the position which William and Mary holds in the training of young men, nor to predict a year of prosperity. But he urged the entering class, particularly, to grasp some of the principles with which the college has achieved greatness. "William and Mary stand for work", said the speaker. "We have no place here for idlers and they will not be tolerated. William and Mary stands for honesty. The faculty is not composed of spies, and we expect a man while with us to conduct himself like a gentleman. William and Mary stands as a school of traditions. It is a great thing, young men, to become a fellow-allumnus of Jefferson or Marshall. The illustrious lives of these men and their associations with William and Mary should inspire you to work and honesty."

At the close of Dr. Tyler's address, the new members of the faculty were requested to stand for purpose of introduction. They include Prof. D. W. Davis, who takes the place of Dr. Ritchie as head of the Department of Biology; Prof. E. W. Oglesby of the University of Virginia, who takes charge of the Mathematics; Prof. J. R. Geiger, who fills the position in the Department of Philosophy, made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Geo. Oscar Ferguson, Jr.; and Prof. F. M. Crawford, who will be the instructor in the Art Department in the absence of his brother, R. M. Crawford.

During the assembly, a quartet composed of H. P. Williams, F. M.

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INDIANS CAPTURE OPENER

Preachers Fall Before Indians Attack—Orange and Black Defence Impregnable—Garber, Ellis, Copeland and Wilson Star.

Scoring in the first quarter and holding the Theologians at bay, William and Mary won its first game of the season from the Union Theological Seminary, of Richmond. The Seminary kicked off, Garber receiving the ball ran it back to the seventy-yard line. Neither team seemed able to break through the others defense, until the latter part of the first quarter, when by a series of well directed plays, executed by Garber and Close, Geddy succeeded in going through center for the first and only touch-down of the game. Geddy then kicked goal making the score 7-0.

William and Mary then kicked to the Theologians and held them safely in their territory. The third quarter ended with the ball in the hands of the opponents.

In the second quarter the Preachers braced, holding the Indians at bay. This quarter was featured by the excellent tackle of Somers, who broke through the Seminary line and threw White for a twenty yard loss. After exchanging the ball, the quarter ended.

In an effort to score another touch-down Coach Hubbard sent in a number of substitutes whose work was very gratifying. In fact, the quality of the substitutes is very encouraging.

The Theologians came back in the fourth quarter and penetrated the Indian's defense as far as the twenty yard line. This was the only time that the Preachers really got in striking distance of the local's goal. The Indians soon recovered the ball and were rushing it down the field when the whistle blew for the end of the second half.

With the stalwart line and speedy back-field that we have, it is safe to say that we have a good season before us.

The plays used by Coach Hubbard are well selected and executed. The line plays are especially good. Only one criticism—the forward passes were not gotten off as well as they might have been. We realize that this is the first game and that too much is not to be expected.

The team leaves Friday to play V. M. I. It is hoped and expected that they will make as good a showing in the second game as in the first.

The line-up:

W. & M.	Position	U. T. S.
Somers	left end	Amick
Reid	left tackle	Cousor
Copeland	left guard	Graham
Wilson (capt)	center	Bowling
Robertson	right guard	Caldwell
Burford	right tackle	Johnston
James	right end	Roberson
Geddy	quarter back	White
Lassiter	left half back	Thompson
Garber	right half back	Curry

(capt)

Close.....full back...Vandervant
Summary: Substitutions—William and Mary, Ellis for Garber, Brittingham for Geddy, Parker for Somers, Garland for Lassiter, Doss for Brittingham, McDox for James. Touch-down, Geddy; goal, Geddy; referee, Ferguson, William and Mary; Umpire, Dovell, University of Virginia; head linesman, Stryker, Medical College of Virginia; time of quarters, 10, 8, 10, 8.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 30—Union Theological Seminary, at Williamsburg. (Score, W. M. 7; U. T. S. 0.)

October 7—Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington.

October 14—Norfolk Blues, at Williamsburg. (Cancelled.)

October 21—Randolph-Macon, at Williamsburg. (Champ.)

October 28—Richmond College, at Richmond. (Champ.)

November 4—Hampden-Sidney, at Williamsburg. (Champ.)

November 11—Randolph-Macon, at Ashland. (Champ.)

November 18—Richmond College, at Williamsburg. (Champ.)

November 30—Hampden-Sidney, at Norfolk. (Champ.)

The management is trying to arrange a game with the Richmond Blues for October 14. On being sent to the border the Norfolk Blues were compelled to cancel their engagement.

SUPREME COURT

FRESHMEN BEFORE HIGH TRIBUNAL

Charges Numerous and Well Supported—Hobson Case Dispensed With—Faison Condemned.

The 224th annual session of the Supreme court of the College of William and Mary was called to order last Saturday night by Judge Hedrick. After a diligent search through the dormitories by "Lord High Sheriff" Garber, the court room was filled to its utmost capacity. When the war tax had been duly collected, the regular docket was immediately taken up and disposed with in short order.

The docket was longer than it has been for many years and no time was lost in swearing the prisoners in and asking them to take the prisoner's chair which at times mysteriously disappeared.

The prisoners were defended by Simms and Ferguson, and were duly prosecuted beyond a shadow of a doubt by Robertson and Jenkins. It has not yet been decided whether or not it was the blank expressions on the faces of the attorneys for defense or from some unknown cause, which made nearly all of the prisoners plead guilty and throw themselves on the mercy of the jury.

The most notable case on docket was the one "Duc" Faison. He was charged with carrying too much avoirdupois. The court physician, Dr. Seekford, examined the prisoner and testified that he had more than his share. He was fined, but being unable to remit at the proper time he pawned his shirt, collar and tie, and finally was given the famous forty-five degrees. Other cases of interest were the court against Simmons who was charged with flirting with the ladies and with Hobson for barking like a dog. The latter performed in fine style for the court in lieu of a fine.

The proceeds of the court were used to buy "eats" which were served to both old and new men in an orderly fashion. All officers, witnesses and prisoners remained in the hall while the feast was being bought. During this time songs and speeches were in order for both old and new men. Assistant Sheriff Rives rendered, in great style, his

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OUR POLICY

Whether by accident or by design the destiny of "The Flat Hat" has fallen into the hands of the present staff, the paper, its value and importance cannot be held in higher regard than by those to whom the 1916-17 publication is entrusted. The high mark reached by our predecessors in their editorial work will challenge the efforts of each contributor to maintain that standard. Many of our obstacles we hope to overcome by cooperation. The possibility of the paper's growing into a one-man paper this year is minutely small. Heretofore, the ability of one or two members of the staff was so marked that as the season progressed the responsibility of the publication weighed more and more upon their shoulders. The paper was better than it would have been otherwise. This year the difference of ability and experience among the members of the staff will not justify a one-man paper.

We want "The Flat Hat" to reflect our college life in its entirety. There is no activity too small to find a hearing in our columns. In whatever phase of college life you may be particularly interested, think of the "Flat Hat" as a public forum from which your cause may be voiced without prejudice and unflavored with partiality. However, we do not deny ourselves a seat upon the rostrum, and from time to time shall advocate policies of our own. Think of "The Flat Hat" as your paper, of us as your agents.

It is our belief that a college publication should be a unifying factor. It should draw into a closer relationship, student toward student, and student toward professor. In writing editorials or news matter constant effort will be made toward that end. We would like to create an atmosphere which works like

oxygen upon the "booster" and like asphyxiating gas upon the "knocker." In this endeavor we solicit the help of every student in college.

"The Flat Hat" is being sent to every student this week with the hope that those who have not subscribed, after having seen the first issue, will change their minds and do the best they can to help along the publication. As yet only about half of the students have subscribed. "The Flat Hat" is primarily a student publication and every man is expected to give support.

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GERMAN CLUB ORGANIZED

Members of the last year's German club who returned to college met on Saturday last, for the purpose of organizing and electing officers for the ensuing year. Only sixteen members from last year are back. "Diggie" Parker was elected president; Vernon Geddy, vice president; Bill Tilley, secretary, and Griggs treasurer.

Discussions relative to the welfare of our club took place and several new rules were enacted, which will most probably prove beneficial to the dancing students of the college. The first german will be given October 14. Applications for membership may be made by all dancing students to the president of our German club.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Last Wednesday night the seniors met in Chapel and elected the following officers: President, Z. T. Kyle; vice-president, A. D. Parker; secretary, I. W. Robertson; treasurer, F. T. Joyner; historian, W. B. Tilley; chaplain, F. B. Tolson; prophet, V. M. Geddy; poet, C. R. Heflin; valedictorian, Paul N. Derring.

The four seniors who will serve on the Student Council are: H. H. Sims, I. W. Robertson, D. M. Griggs and Paul M. Derring.

At a meeting of the football monogram men, "Prex" Wilson was elected captain of the 1916 team. Heres to you "Prex" for a winning bunch this year.

Messrs. G. B. Zehmer, J. M. Presson, and C. Taylor were seen on the campus Saturday and Sunday.

The fire department narrowly escaped a call last Thursday. In the basement of the President's house, a box of papers was found burning but due to the heroic efforts of Gardiner Tyler, Jr., nothing serious developed. Lyon confessed the incendiary.



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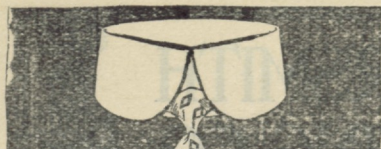
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Philomathean and Phoenix Societies Renders Full Program.

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On Saturday night the Phoenix and Philomathean Literary Societies met in their respective halls for the practice of reading, oratory, declamation and debate. The subject of debate in both societies pertained to an elective system of military training at William and Mary.

Mr. H. H. Simms, president of the Phoenix, reports that he is looking for a banner year in his society. The membership is at present in advance of last year, and strong interest is shown in every line of work. Twelve new names were added to the Phoenix roll at their meeting.

The program was late starting in the Philomathean Society on account of a visitor. A bat, to which a string and piece of scorched paper was attached, found its way into the hall and encircled the room for about twenty minutes. After the bat was caught and the paper read, it was found to be a communication from the lower regions to the Phoenix Society. President Ferguson of the Philomathean Society expressed his hope that his society would not be further molested by the Phoenix messenger.

At the business session of the Philomathean Mr. Seekford brought fourth a strong plea in behalf of better janitor service for the hall, and concluded his remarks with an application for the position as janitor. He was unanimously elected, and at the request of Mr. Derring the name society superintendent was inserted in the place of janitor. Mr. Seekford then urged the members of the society to be careful about dropping paper on the floor and sharpening pencils in the hall.

A notice of the programs for Saturday night may be seen on the bulletin board at the main door entrance to college building.

COLLEGE BEGINS

Crawford, R. A. Brayshaw and L. P. Sutherlin, rendered a selection in a manner altogether pleasing to the ear. It is earnestly hoped that these men will from time to time gratify the students with vocal entertainment, which in itself is so inspiring and instructive.

HARD LUCK

Optomist—"Prospects in football this year are brilliant."

Pessimist—"I wouldn't say so. The Indians are good enough to win two championships, and we can't get but one."

SUPREME COURT

favorite solo entitled "But the Cat Came Back." Moorman pulled off some sensational laughing stunts also. In his attempt to prevent the laugh he would put several handkerchiefs in his mouth. Then with the overflow came handkerchiefs profusely.

At 12:30 the court adjourned to convene when the misdemeanors of the "ducs" require adjustment.

GRIDIRON GLEAMINGS

Coach Hubbard's Indians were the only eleven of the E. V. I. A. teams to score against their opponents. Richmond College and Hampden-Sidney made creditable showings against V. P. I. and V. M. I. respectively. While Randolph-Macon was affording Washington and Lee amusement, William and Mary was winning from Union Theological Seminary.

Before the middle of the week "Bish" Lee will assist Hubbard in dobbing a little cement into the crevices of the Indian's stone wall defence. "Bish" has the record of playing every minute in every game for four years at William and Mary.

Falling on the ball is not a bad stunt in practice. The big "Chiefs" recovered eleven fumbles Saturday, Copeland being the shining light in this department of play. And you have got to fall to do it.

Reid and Burford are the best pair of tackles seen in Orange and Black for a number of years. Both are heavy, rangy athletes, typical builds for their positions. Saturday, they broke through consistently and downed the man with the ball for a loses.

Capt. Wilson didn't make a touchdown, but he made a hole through center large enough for Geddy to pass through for the score.

Bertschey, former William and Mary quarterback, ran sixty-five yards for a touchdown against Hampden-Sidney. It's the same old Bertschey.

Harry Legore's return to the Yale backfield has rejuvenated old Eli. Look out for Yale this fall.

Dr. A. H. Sharpe, head coach of Cornell's championship eleven of last season, says: "Football is said to be a rough game and it is, and many mothers object to their boys entering it. If the teams are equally matched in weight there is little danger compared with the results. You would not want a boy who would stay out of a game because he was afraid of being hurt. Football brings out preeminently the characteristic we like to see—grit. In it a boy learns to take his punishment without crying about it."

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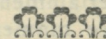
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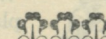
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library last Tuesday, and a very en-
joyable evening was spent. The
reception was given that the new
students might become acquainted
with the members of the faculty and
the upper-classmen. The reading
room, in which the function took
place, was artistically decorated and
its beauty attracted the attention of
all.

The receiving line was composed
of the faculty, their wives and prom-
inent visitors from town. To elimi-
nate a tiresome introduction among
the students, each student was label-
ed with a tag bearing his name. In
a short time the crowd became ac-
quainted and had a good time in
general.

During the evening the college
quartette sang, and judging from
the applause, this rendition was
heartily appreciated.

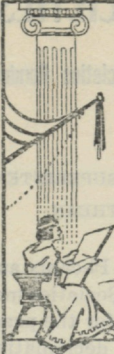
The evening was concluded with
the serving of refreshments.

Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINS

Thursday evening in the College
Dining Hall, the Y. M. C. A. gave
their annual reception. The prin-
cipal speaker of the evening was Mr.
Lancaster, the new state Secretary.
He mentioned the achievements of
the Y. M. C. A.'s and appealed to
the students to dedicate their lives
to the work. Mr. Lancaster pointed
out with pride athletes of reputation,
who have given their lives to the
advancement of Christian ideas.
His address was followed by remarks
made by Rev. Newbury, Dr. Keeble
and Dr. Hall.

Mr. I. W. Robertson, on being
thoroughly convinced that the
previous speakers had not afforded
sufficient entertainment, spoke brief-
ly on the needs of the College. At
the onset he declared that it was
very vital that he touch every part
of the thirty acres of the College
Campus, which would possibly tax
the patience of some. Before the
discussion had more than begun, the
speaker was interrupted by Dr. Seek-
ford and his assistants, bearing the
body of a suffering man. The ladies
present screamed as the dying man
was placed upon the operating table,
but the skillful surgery of Dr.
Seekford, in which chisels, saws,
hatchets and rope were used to set
the broken limbs, soon revived the
patient. The injured man regained
consciousness as he was being car-
ried to the Emergency Hospital of
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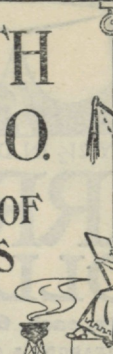
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